

In the Specification:

Submitted herewith is a substitute Specification identical to that which was submitted in the parent application, except that in the substitute Specification submitted herewith, line numbering has been removed and paragraph numbering has been added.

Please replace paragraph [0001] and substitute therefor paragraph [0001] submitted in clean, replacement form herein below.

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/469,200, filed December 21, 1999, entitled "HYALURONATE SYNTHASE GENE AND USES THEREOF", which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/899,040, filed July 23, 1997, entitled "HYALURONATE SYNTHASE GENE AND USES THEREOF", now abandoned, and which also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application U.S. Serial No. 60/064,435, filed October 31, 1997, entitled "GROUP C HYALURONAN SYNTHASE GENE AND USES THEREOF".

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